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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH DEFENSE PROCUREMENT AGENCY SAYS NO NEW
CONTRACTS WITH IRAN

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Classified By: A/DCM D. McCullough for reasons 1.4(d)

¶1. (C) On May 3, econoff met with Brigadier General Helal Uddin Ahmed, Director General of the Directorate General Defence Procurement, the main procurement source for all branches of the Bangladesh military, at Brigadier Helal's request. Econoff had met with Helal in August 2006 to deliver reftel demarche as well as to discuss several outstanding commercial advocacy cases.

¶2. (C) Helal stated that current contracts with Iran would not be cancelled, but that there would be no new contracts for weapons or military equipment (such as radios). He gave as a reason for this decision the GOB's strong desire to maintain good relations with the USG.

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